

B-3028 - B-3035  
740-720 Light St. (West side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1860-1884

This group of three story high, two bay wide brick buildings with shed roofs and Italianate-style bracketed cornices was built by several different builders in the early 1860's and in the 1880's (734-740 Light St.) The 1860's houses at the northern end of the block were built to serve a combined residential/commercial function and the original storefronts are still intact at 720-722, 724, and 726 Light St. 734-740 Light St. were built as residences but 740 has most recently served as a local bar/restaurant. The houses are currently unoccupied, but have recently been sold by the city to private owners and are awaiting renovation and rehabilitation.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

728 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

\_\_\_ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
\_\_\_ STRUCTURE  
\_\_\_ SITE  
\_\_\_ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC  
\_\_\_ PRIVATE  
\_\_\_ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_\_ IN PROCESS  
\_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

\_\_\_ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
\_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
\_\_\_ YES: RESTRICTED  
\_\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE  
\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL  
\_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL  
\_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT  
\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT  
\_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL  
\_\_\_ MILITARY  
\_\_\_ MUSEUM  
\_\_\_ PARK  
\_\_\_ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
\_\_\_ RELIGIOUS  
\_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC  
\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION  
☒ OTHER: restoration contemplated

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mayor and City Council

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21202

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE  
Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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This three story, two bay brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice was built in the late 1860's, replacing an earlier gable roofed structure on this site.

The house is three stories in height, 15 1/2' wide, and occupies a lot 72' deep. The house is one room deep with a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, two bay deep rear addition. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a stamped sheet metal cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a row of dentils and a grooved molding strip. Three grooved brackets support the cornice and connect it to a lower molding strip. The brick frieze area thus formed is punctuated by two punched metal ventilating panels. The two end brackets terminate at their upper edges in modified "anthemions." There is a single covered chimney located along the north side of the house and a covered rear end chimney located at the west end of the addition.

All of the door and window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums. The sills are wood. Most of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash but several are boarded. A four panel Victorian door is set beneath a single light transom. The house sits on a high basement, the entrance being reached by five stone steps. An arched basement opening is located to the right of the steps.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES late 1860's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as being representative of a fairly small group of three story Victorian-style houses built after the Civil War to serve as residences (as opposed to combination residences/store-fronts). The house apparently replaced a two story, gable roofed house that had been built on this site before 1820 by Peter Gold, who developed this side of Light St. in the early years of the nineteenth century.

The house will soon be offered for sale by the City to private owners and will hopefully then be renovated.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. &amp; Eccles

DATE

5/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

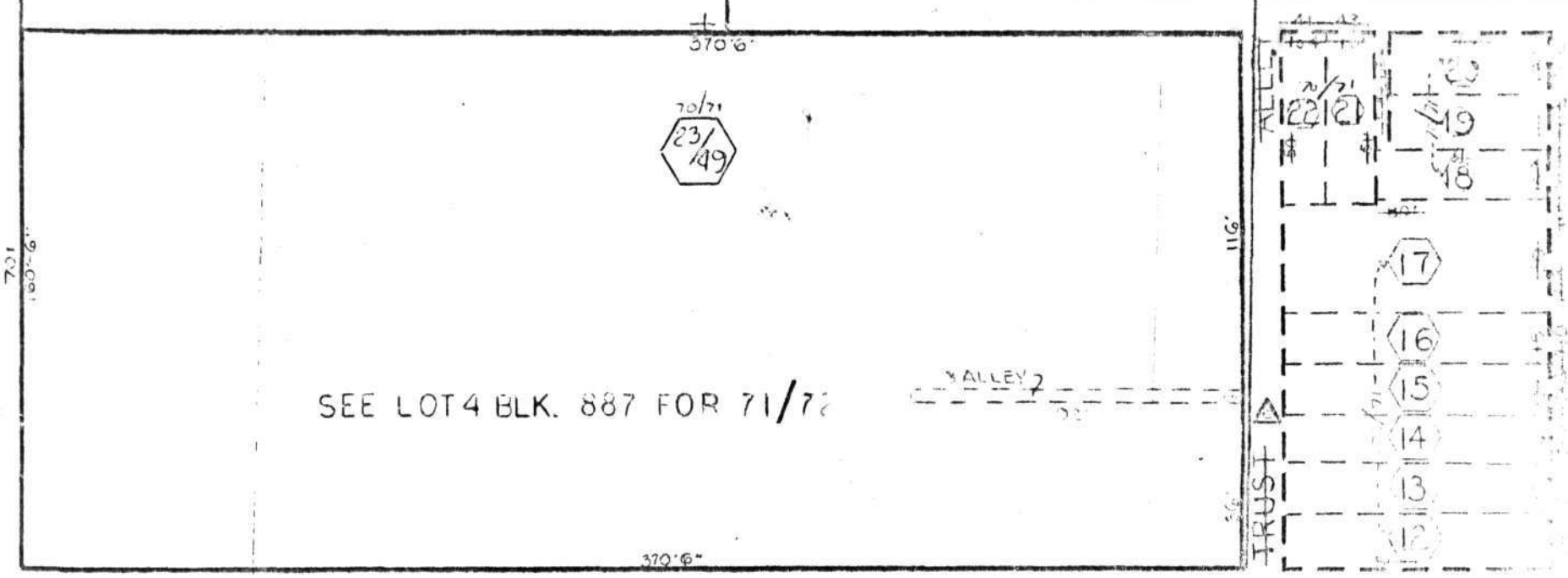
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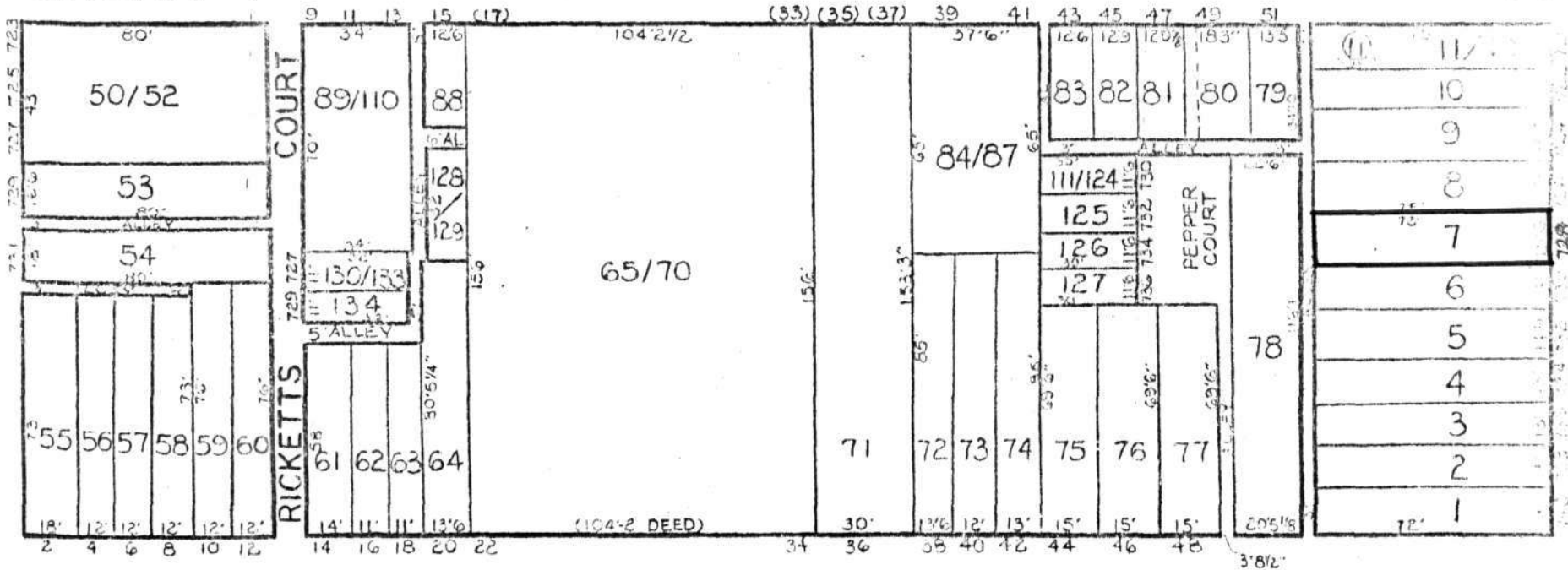
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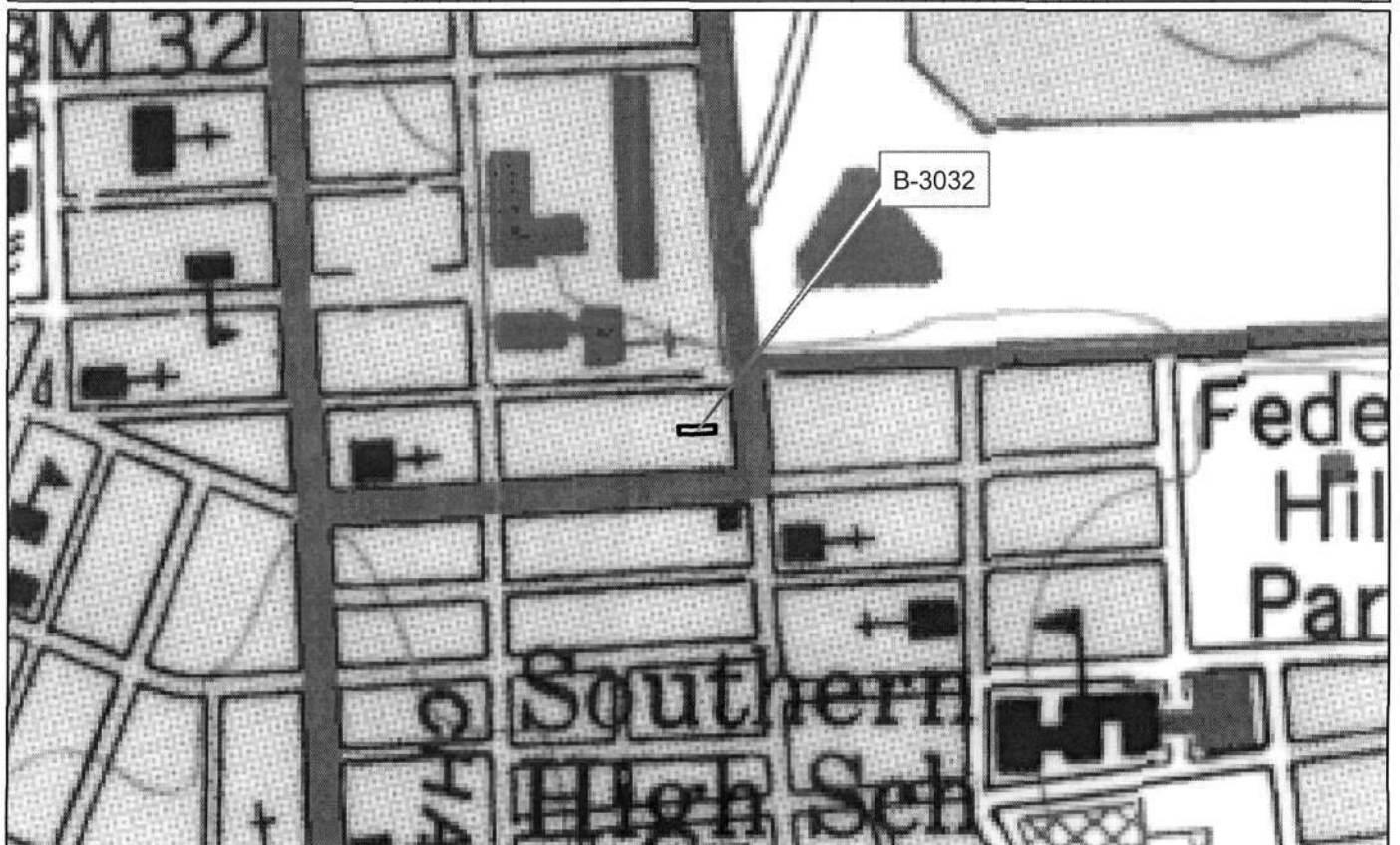
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Block 0896 Lots CO0896c  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.









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728 Light St.

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East elevation